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In re Application of:

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Examiner S. Chunduru

Group Art Unit: 1656

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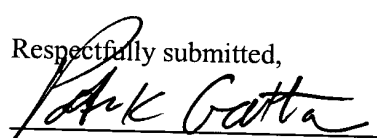
In regard to the above identified application,

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2. With respect to fees:
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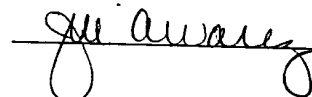
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 14, 2003

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, please enter the following Amendment and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

A marked-up version of the amended claim showing changes made is attached as Appendix A.

A clean version of all the claims is attached as Appendix B.

Please amend claim 36 as follows beginning on the next page:

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